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The People's Column

Bryan has the right to lay claim to being one of the liveliest cities in Texas. There is something doing here all of the time. Thursday night of last week the Manhattan Grand Opera Co. was here, and this performance drew a \$1,500 house, which is a fine compliment to Bryan and College Station. Sunday two large audiences greeted the splendid Woodrow Wilson Memorial picture. Last night more than 250 persons attended the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce banquet. This perhaps is the largest crowd that will attend any Chamber of Commerce banquet in Texas this year of any cities within 10,000 population of Bryan. Friday night there will be another big musical attraction at College. Next Tuesday night the Bryan Lions Club is going to put on a minstrel show that will rival that of a professional company. There is always something doing in Bryan.

ABOUT BRYAN

Mrs. Roy Danforth, who is in charge of the music of the Lions' Club minstrel show, will put on a musical comedy in March entitled "The Gypsy Rover." She already has selected her cast, and the show promises to be one of the best in Bryan's history.

The Presbyterian men are asked to remember the meeting Thursday night at 7:30. Our Presbyterian friends from Navasota will be here in large number and we want to make a good showing and give them a real welcome, said those in charge of the affair.

The fire alarm sounded about 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. The fire alarm was from Allen Academy, but it proved to be no fire at all.

President T. O. Walton, Coach D. X. Bible, and Dean Charles E. Friley are in Houston today. They went to Houston on official business.

Tickets for the Lions Club minstrel show were put on sale yesterday, and they are going fast, according to Henry Locke, director. Indications point to a banner crowd Tuesday night, January 25.

E. H. Astin, president of the City National Bank has returned from Houston, where he has been for the past few days on business.

James H. Webb of the firm of Webb Brothers, this city, left Wednesday for New York City to make purchases for the Spring and Summer Seasons, for Webb Bros.

"When I Was 21"

W. E. FARMER

"When I was 21 I was feeding prisoners and working around the jail and home of Sheriff Jim Scarbrough of Giddings. I walked 12 miles every day from the farm to school," said W. E. Farmer, manager of the Western Public Service Company.

The year that he was 22 he learned telegraphy, and for 12 years he worked for the Southern Pacific railroad from Houston to Austin to Hearne. He was on the move almost continuously, and happened to be in Bryan the day the negro was hung in 1895 or 1896 near where the First National Bank is now located.

Mr. Farmer states that working as a telegrapher was very educational and interesting work. "In fact I received more educational training from working as a telegrapher than by going to school," he said.

Since telegraphy should qualify a man for almost anything, Mr. Farmer's next job was with the William Cameron Lumber Company in Italy, Texas. He next moved to Navasota, and worked for R. B. Templeman and Son for five years in charge of the grocery department.

He then became identified with the Western Public Service company, and was sent to Hearne as manager of the plant, where he remained for three months. Three years ago he was promoted to Bryan and he says, "I hope I can stay here for the next 30 years."

He is a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges, but admits that "I have belonged to many other organizations."

The Weather

(Special to The Eagle)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 19.—For Bryan and vicinity: Tonight and Thursday generally cloudy and unsettled.

OPTIMISM IS KEYNOTE OF ANNUAL C. OF C. BANQUET

DEATH ENDS TRAGIC CAREER OF EX-EMPEROR OF MEXICO

CHARLOTTE, ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING OF WOMEN DEAD

Former Empress Is Supposed Never to Have Known That Her Husband, Maximilian, Was Betrayed and Killed in Mexico; Had Bourdon Blood in Her Veins

(By Associated Press).

BRUSSELS, Jan. 19.—Charlotte, once Empress of Mexico, who is supposed never to have known that her husband, Maximilian, was betrayed and killed in Mexico, died today. Her career probably was more romantic and tragic than that of any other woman of her times. With Bourbon blood in her veins, she married a friend of the Third Napoleon. When Maximilian's position in Mexico became dangerous she went to Napoleon who apparently refused to help, and then to Vatican for help. It is thought that she never really recovered her mind after tragic night when she failed to obtain help of church. She was stricken several days ago with pneumonia. Belgian royal family was at her bedside.

UNIVERSITY INJECTED IN BONNER CASE

DYNAMITE AND CAPS STOLEN PRIOR TO DEATH OF FATHER-IN-LAW.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Jan. 19.—University records and recollections of friends will be used as circumstantial evidence in an attempt to prove that Frank Bonner murdered prospective father-in-law in 1923. Bonner is on trial for the murder of J. A. Barnes. B. M. Gafford, University instructor, testified that he gave evamination the day Bonner is alleged to have brought bomb to San Antonio Express office. He said Bonner was not marked absent but he failed to turn in paper. James Clark, son of Bonner's Austin landlady, testified that Bonner experimented in an effort to detonate dynamite caps. Joe Machen, who built the University biological laboratory, testified dynamite and caps were stolen shortly before the murder.

Bill Before Congress of Vital Interest To A. & M. College

In a bill before Congress an appropriation of \$25,000 is being asked for the purpose of studying new developments and uses for Southern cotton. Likewise, an appropriation of \$400,000 is being asked to make an estimate of the number of bales and grades of the American cotton crop. This budget is intended for the use of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. B. Youngblood, Director of the Texas Experiment Station, who is now on leave was called to Washington for the purpose of organizing the work as stated in the above appropriations. Dr. Youngblood has recently been on a visit to College Station, conferring with Dr. Walton, Acting Director Conner, and other members of the College on official business.

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METHODIST'S BROTHERHOOD TO MEET AT 7

JOHN R. BENDER AND REV. JESSE LEE ARE ON PROGRAM FOR ADDRESSES

Bishop To Speak

SAM R. HAY, NOTED CHURCH LEADER TO BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER OF NIGHT

To enable the congregation to have the opportunity to hear the distinguished visitor of the evening the Methodist Men's Brotherhood meeting will be held Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock. Bishop Sam R. Hay will speak at the brotherhood, and later will address the congregation in the church. John R. Bender, freshman coach at A. & M. College and one of Bryan's best after-dinner speakers, and Rev. Jesse Lee, presiding elder of this district, also are on the program for addresses.

Tomorrow night's program, which is in charge of Dr. W. H. Lawrence, E. R. Bryant, and Glenn W. Stinnert, will be one of the best in the history of the organization and a large audience is expected.

The congregation will gather at the church at 8:15 to hear Bishop Hay. The pastor, Rev. H. H. McCain, Dr. John W. Black, pastor of the Wesley Brotherhood and Mrs. A. K. Brown, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, extend a cordial invitation to members of all the churches to attend this meeting.

Yield Of Staple Cotton Is Equal To That Of Short

TROUP, Jan. 18.—In a 10-year cotton variety test conducted at the Texas experimental station at Troup, staple cotton was found to yield nearly as much to the acre as the short staple. Allowing full premium for staple, a well known variety of staple cotton had a higher money value than short staple, based upon the yields per acre in the test.

The question of whether Southern cotton growers should quit growing short staple and produce staple cotton instead has been discussed widely in the South in recent years. Results of the test at Troup stand in favor of staple cotton for Southern cotton growing states, provided full premium is paid by cotton markets for the staple lint.

Many advocates of short staple cotton claim that staple varieties always yield considerably less to the acre than short staple. A type of long staple used in the tests at the Troup experiment station, however, lacked only eight pounds of equalizing the acre yield of short staple.

Disapproval of short staple cotton production in the South is based mainly upon the claim that textile mills, finding difficulty in using short fiber in manufacture, are demanding staple lint.

In an effort to discourage the raising of short staple, 50 counties in Texas have opened staple markets, wherein a premium is paid for cotton of longer fiber. In other Texas cotton growing counties where no countywide staple market has been established, towns have opened staple markets.

Miss Harvey To Sing In Bryan Thursday For Music Study Club

At the regular meeting of the Music Study Club Thursday afternoon 3:30 o'clock, at Carnegie library, Miss Catherine Harvey of Galveston will sing. Miss Harvey, dramatic soprano, has spent some time in New York studying voice under Oscar Seagle and those who have heard her sing have nothing but words of praise and appreciation and predict for her a bright future in concert singing.

As a compliment to Miss Harvey the club has given each member the privilege of inviting one guest to hear and meet Miss Harvey.

METHODISTS HOLD PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT 7:30

Regular meeting tonight 7:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church. "Praying in A. D. 60; Today, and in 2000 A. D." will be the subject of the pastor Dr. R. H. McCain.

DAN SHOWS UP TO LABOR ON TIME FIRST MORNING

WITNESS SAYS SHE HEARD CHIPPS TELL MEACHAM OF HIS PLANS

Life Threatened

OPERATOR GIVES CONVERSATION BETWEEN NORRIS AND CHIPPS

Austin, Jan. 19.—D. E. Chipps told Mayor Meacham he would kill Norris if later continued in his attacks on Meacham, witness testified today in Norris trial for murder of Chipps. Mrs. Lena Cheek said she heard the conversation in the elevator of Meacham's store and that Meacham tried to pacify Chipps.

Several witnesses took the stand in the day to testify that Chipps had a reputation of being dangerous when drunk but much of this testimony was excluded on the ground that witness could tell of general reputation but not of specific instances unrelated to the Norris trial. Mrs. Fanny Greer, Fort Worth, testified that she formerly was a telephone operator at Chipps' hotel and that he received a call from Meacham and later called Norris. She said she heard Chipps ask Norris if he is to be in his office in 30 minutes and Norris replied that he could wait two hours and 30 minutes if necessary. She then left wire for a minute and when she returned she said Chipps was talking so angrily that she was unable to tell what the conversation was about. She testified Chipps cursed.

SENATE LISTENS WITH AWE AS DENEN TELLS OF THE SMITH SITUATION

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Frank Smith was appointed to the Senate from Illinois and threw his hat into the chamber this morning and waited to see whether it would stay. Senator Denen, also of Illinois, presented a certificate appointing Smith to fill the vacancy left by the death of Senator William B. McKinley and launched into his speech supporting the motion. Smith sat in the back of the room and 81 of the 95 senators present listened with more attention than the senate had given a speaker for a long time. The galleries were packed by friends of Smith and are of the opinion that he will lose his fight because of the campaign fund scandal connected with his election. Senator Reed, of Missouri, then offered a resolution to deny Smith the oath of office until the credentials committee could examine the question.

VISITING IN LONGVIEW Dr. J. N. Goodwin is spending a few days in Longview, on business and combining with business the pleasure of a little visit with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton.

Live By Light

"Someone has said tonight that we are living within the shadow of A. and M. College. I hope some day we can all live in the light of A. and M. College.

"We hear of persons on the outside trying to tear down this organization. They should get on the inside and try to build up. A business man in this community who does not belong to the Chamber of Commerce is riding on borrowed transportation.

"We have enough members in this remarkable organization, if all of us will have that clear vision possessed by our leaders to remake Brazos county within five years," he said in conclusion.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, who in her inimitable way, stated the purpose of the meeting, enumerated a few of the outstanding achievements of the club, made possible by the energies and efforts of the members, and outlined a program for 1927 that would make for a more progressive and propitious community.

Eberstadt Reports

Introduced by the president as the best secretary of the best organization of the best city in the best state of all of the United States, Sam E. Eberstadt, secretary, arose to the occasion by giving the best annual report of his 10-year career here. His report showed conclusively that he had been on the job at all times, and had rendered a service of unequaled worth to the community. His detailed account of his stewardship was interesting, and he held the closest attention of his hearers. His address, which mixed eloquence with statistics, was liberally applauded by the large audience.

Chairmen Speak

After the treasurer's and audit reports had been given by Secretary Eberstadt, the president introduced committee chairmen present, including J. N. Dulaney, A. M. Waldrop, Wilson Bradley, Mayr Tyler, Haswell, John M. Lawrence, A. R. Leckie, F. L. Henderson, J. Webb Howell, and W. H. Cole.

A. R. Leckie, resident engineer, gave an encouraging report concerning a new Bryan-College road, stating that he believed it would be allowed by the new highway commission. The audience was surprised when he said that a 12-hour investigation revealed that on an average 145 vehicles passed over this road every hour, while the traffic on the Fort Worth-Dallas pike was only 120 vehicles per hour.

EVOKES LAUGHTER

Introduced as being a member (Continued on Page 4)

DR. T. O. WALTON MAKES THE PRINCIPAL SPEECH OF EVENING

Audience of More Than 250 Attends Most Successful Banquet in History of Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce at Long's Cafe Tuesday Night

(By Ty Cobb).

With more than 250 enthusiastic members present, the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce reviewed its activities of the past year and received a new vision for the future at its annual banquet Tuesday night at Long's Cafe, which old-timers declare was the most successful affair in the history of the organization. Presided over by its first woman president, Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, whose remarks were appropriate and poignant, the meeting gained momentum as each member on the program arose to the magnificent occasion, which was climaxed by the inspiring address of the chief speaker of the evening, Dr. T. O. Walton, president of A. and M. College.

WALTON'S SPEECH

Dr. Walton began his effective speech by a humorous reference to his "extravagant introduction," admitting that he had received two marks of distinction from among his colored friends. He expressed his appreciation to the entire club for its loyal cooperation with A. and M. College, and solicited its support in future. The fault of any organization is that it passes over many small opportunities of great potentialities in search of one big opportunity that is rarely realized.

Quoting Woodrow Wilson, who said that man had the greatest capacity for cooperation, he plead for unity of action and union of thought in making Bryan and Brazos county a better, happier, more prosperous place in which to live. He stressed the importance of the work of the agricultural committee, stating that the hope of agricultural rehabilitation could be found in "living at home."

"Human effort is what is needed in every organization, and we will succeed only to the extent that we can interest all of the members of this club.

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"We hear of persons on the outside trying to tear down this organization. They should get on the inside and try to build up. A business man in this community who does not belong to the Chamber of Commerce is riding on borrowed transportation.

The club devoted most of its time to singing songs that are to be used in the Lions Club minstrel. Robert Armstrong made a report for the prize committee. Maurice Schulman won today's club.

Eugene Henson was admitted as a new member, and responded with a brief talk.

The following were present: F. D. Fuller, M. F. Vitopil, Harry S. Edge, Geo. W. Griner, J. E. Henson, E. R. Bryant, R. E. Bosque, Thomas G. Suber, Norman J. Dansby, Fred Hale, Maurice Schulman, Henry Locke, M. M. Erskine, J. Bryan Miller, J. E. Henssler, W. E. Neely, J. Colter Smith, J. W. Hendricks Jr., Travis F. Bishop, L. L. Stephens, Willard Chambers, Robert Armstrong, A. R. Leckie, Thos. G. Watts, Ross M. Sherwood, Mrs. Danforth, Ty Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Are Leaving Bryan

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Todd, who are leaving Bryan to make their home in Hempstead, where Mr. Todd has accepted a position in the Citizens State Bank, are shipping their household goods from Bryan to Hempstead Monday morning. Mrs. Todd and baby and her mother, Mrs. Amanda Wright of Canada, who is spending the winter with her, expect to go to Hempstead Monday. Bryan friends say goodbyes to Mr. and Mrs. Todd as citizens with genuine regret, but wish for them every success in their new home.

EXTENSION SERVICE CLUB

The Extension Service Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Mrs. E. R. Eudaly on College Avenue.

SOLDIERS WANT DIRECT LOANS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Authority for making direct loans on veterans' bonus certificates will be sought by Director Hines of the Veterans' Bureau, he said today. (Continued on Page 4)

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Bryan, through the blessing of providence, is endowed with a combination of resources beyond most any other town in this section. We have the inestimable benefit of good schools, where education and opportunity are open to all and the field for men of brains, character and enterprise is almost limitless; good churches and good hospitals, the three things that bespeak most for a progressive town. Our lands in the Brazos Valley are as fertile as the Nile and lying parallel with three good railroad systems, we have a margin over most any other county for marketing our products. Situated at a strategic point with a trade territory of almost a hundred miles from center to circumference, East and West, North and South; a people who are hard-working, enterprising, alert, intelligent, and progressive, it is now up to us to utilize our resources to the fullest extent. We have the advantages, it is up to us to develop them. Every resource developed, every business successfully operated, and every advantage gained means an increased wealth to the entire community.

More mileage of new railroad was built in the United States in 1926 than in any year since 1916, according to Railway Age. The new lines constructed amounted to 1,005 miles, exceeding by 361 miles the mileage built in 1925. The greatest amount of construction in any state was in Texas, where it was 242 miles. Florida was second with 233 miles, and Arizona third with 145 miles. Projected work indicates that Texas will lead in 1927 also, construction of more than 200 miles in the Panhandle district having been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The fame of Bryan's talent is statewide. Hon. W. C. Davis, local district judge, was the principal speaker last night at the Methodist Men's Brotherhood meeting in Waco. We have so much local talent that it is unnecessary for the Chamber of Commerce to import strange speakers. The principal addresses at the annual banquet tonight are to be given by Dr. T. O. Walton, Hon. W. S. Barron, E. H. Astin, and Col. Ike Ashburn. The Chamber of Commerce is thus practicing the "trade at home" slogan even in oratory.

Car Stolen And Sold For Junk By Piece Is Running

(By Associated Press).

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—A seven-passenger limousine stolen two years ago, dismantled and sold piece meal by thieves to three different junk dealers has been restored to the owner in running condition by the Berlin police. All that is needed is a coat of paint.

More than a dozen policemen and detectives worked on the case off and on. Armed with the number of all parts of the stolen car, which is owned by a wealthy industrialist, the police gathered them in bit by bit until the police garage mechanics were able to restore the car as it was when stolen.

They found the motor in a second-hand shop four months after the theft was reported. The chassis was found in a junk yard. The owner was satisfied to take back that much of the car, but the police assured him it would pay to wait.

Two weeks ago they found the body in another junk yard, and a few days later a cop rang the doorbell of the industrialist's home to tell him that his lost automobile was waiting outside.

Out of gratitude for the pains-taking detective work, unequalled in Berlin, the owner gave \$200 to the police sick benefit fund.

CHATHAM BACK HOME

R. K. Chatham who has been at New Orleans for the past two weeks, with Roland Chatham, Jr., his little son who has been quite seriously ill, returned to Bryan yesterday. Mrs. Chatham and the boy will remain in New Orleans for some weeks yet. Bryan friends will be glad to know that Roland is getting along splendidly and with every prospect for complete and speedy recovery.

Before ordering your next printing, let the Eagle figure with you. Quality and service is our motto.

It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives.—Samuel Johnson.

The State Supreme Court of Tennessee has upheld its anti-evolution law. There are still some persons who want to try to force us all to think alike.

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of both the legislative and education committees, F. L. Henderson made the most entertaining speech of the evening. "I am glad of this opportunity of making two speeches—this is why I came," he declared. Later in his speech he said, "I do not know any more about the Legislature than Stuart Barron, and he has been there for two terms." Bearing down on the serious part of his address, he said that education and highways went together. "The poorly equipped country school is a thing of the past. The only solution is to bring the country children into the city schools every day by means of good roads. We need a nine-mile independent school district, which is the largest the law will permit."

Howell Cheerful

The surprise of the night was the optimistic report of J. Webb Howell, chairman of the agricultural committee, which many said had accomplished more good the past year than any other department of the organization. Diversification and large supplies of foodstuffs in Brazos county are largely a result of the unselfish efforts and prudent advice of Mr. Howell. He introduced C. L. Beason, Miss Abbie Sevier, and Miss Ella Bandelin. The work of C. L. Beason in an agricultural way in Brazos county is amazing, the audience being agreeably surprised by the profitable results of the rural clubs. Prizes for outstanding club work were awarded to Herman Henderson, Miss Ella Crenshaw, Nick Salvato, Mrs. J. Conway, C. A. Schram, Bryan Hearne, Joe Locke, Waldon Orr, James Seigert, Johnny Perrone, Raymond Moore, W. E. Moore, Cecil Nolan, Wiley Conaway, and Adolph Wathuber.

Miss Abbie Sevier said that club women of the county canned between 150,000 and 200,000 quarts of fruits, vegetables, and meats last year, and made 9,000 garments valued at \$63,000. She also told of the interest in balanced meals and proper diet that has been brought about through club activities.

Shows Big Profit

W. H. Cole's report on the Building and Loan Association was particularly gratifying especially when he announced that the organization had made \$30,000 during the past year, and \$97,000 since it started operations. The local organization will not have to pay any income tax, he said.

Upon recommendation of the board of directors, section 3 was amended to enable two committees to be added, fire control and advisory and section 7 was amended to increase the number of committees from eight to nine, the chairman of these committees having the power to nominate the advisory committee.

Secretary Eberstadt introduced R. M. Harkey, secretary of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce, who congratulated the club upon its remarkable meeting, spirit of good feeling and optimistic notes sounded.

Neddalek's orchestra furnished music for the occasion, which added much to the evening. The menu was appetizing and palatable, and was served with unusual rapidity. The cafe was given many compliments by the members for the excellent menu and the splendid way in which it was served. The floral decorations were handsome blooming plants in bright colors and were donated and arranged by Coulter Smith, florist.

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